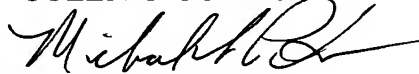


REMARKS

This application is a National Phase filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International PCT application no. PCT/IB2004/003196 filed on 30 September 2004 which claims priority to South African Patent Application No. ZA 2003/7748 filed on October 3, 2003. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has amended the claims without introducing new matter. These amendments are merely to bring the claims into better conformity with US practice, no substantive changes were made. The base claims are the claims as amended on 05 September 2005 in the PCT; the current amendments are based on the assumption that the 05 September 2005 amendments are already of record. Applicants note that form PCT/IPEA/409 (International Preliminary Report on Patentability) indicates novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability are present for all claims. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits.

Early consideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. The examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview, telephonic or personal, would facilitate allowance of the claims.

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